

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3472

For the relief of Richelle Starnes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Mr. FEENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

For the relief of Richelle Starnes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 1979, Kathy Baker contracted HIV as
6 the direct result of an ectopic pregnancy
7 misdiagnosed by her naval physician at Mare Island
8 Naval Clinic in Vallejo, California. This misdiagnosis
9 precipitated an emergency blood transfusion, which
10 was later determined to be the source of her infec-
11 tion.

1 (2) In 1980, Kathy Baker gave birth to her
2 daughter Richelle (now known as Richelle Starnes),
3 who was born with HIV.

4 (3) Because of the Navy's culpability for
5 Richelle's condition, Richelle has received treatment
6 from the Navy as a Secretary of the Navy Designee.
7 However, the Navy recently informed Richelle that
8 the Navy would only extend her treatment for out-
9 patient care for 3 additional years, and it would no
10 longer pay for inpatient treatment or prescribed
11 medications.

12 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF MEDICAL CARE.**

13 (a) INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT CARE.—The Sec-
14 retary of the Navy shall provide, free of charge, inpatient
15 and outpatient treatment to Richelle Starnes at any naval
16 medical facility for any care arising from or related to
17 HIV or the treatment of HIV.

18 (b) PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION.—The Secretary of
19 the Navy shall provide, free of charge, medication to
20 Richelle Starnes that is prescribed for reasons arising
21 from or related to HIV or the treatment of HIV.

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